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Commissioner for Patents  
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Art Unit: 1631  
Examiner: L.A. Clow

Re: U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/922,293 filed August 6, 2001  
Applicants: Timothy W. CONNER *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules  
Associated with Transcription in Plants  
Atty. Dkt.: 16517.254

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.254. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

Enclosures